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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 5th-February, through Sunday, 12th-February there were 226 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H40, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3C0 & 3C6, ANNOBON ISLAND and EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update to OPDX.1047)

Operators Elmo/EA5BYP and Javier/EA5KM will once again be active from Annobon Island (AF-039) and Bioko Island (AF-010, DXCC - Equatorial Guinea) using the callsigns 3C0E and 3C6A, respectively. The official dates have been announced this past week. The whole DXpedition will take place between February 22nd and March 11th. Operations will take place from the following islands:
3C6A - Bioko Island; between February 22-26th
3C0E - Annobon Island (Pagalu); between February 28th and March 11th

QSL both callsigns via EA5BYP: Elmo Bernabé Coll, P.O.Box 3097, 03080 Alicante, Spain. They are looking for sponsors for this very expensive operation. For more details and updates, watch the Web pge at:

http://www.gdgdxc.net/3c0e/index.php

3V, TUNISIA

SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY), will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse, during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at:

http://www.kf5eyy.com

4W, TIMOR-LESTE (Update/QRT)

Vlad, UA4WHX, is now QRT as 4W0VB. According to **(QRZ.com)**, Vlad states [edited]: "Now, 4W0VB went off the air. US5ETV and WA4WHX have been around, helping as much as they could. Great thanks to both of them! If you worked 4W0VB - you worked **OC-148 (main island of East Timor** - between January 11th-February 2nd and February 6-8th). If 4W0VB/p has been logged - you got **OC-232 (Atouro Island** - February 3-5th) for yourself. All the valid QSOs have been uploaded to LoTW. If you need a paper QSL, I would suggest you request it rather directly than via the buro. USD cash in an envelope is a very bad idea. IRCs are better than USDs. PayPal is perfect - my choice. Use E-mail **payment-at-svezhyveter.ru** for Pay Pal. A few QSOs are perhaps not in the log, either pirates or QRM, we will never know now. We could have busted your call, it may have happened. Feel free any time to ask if that may be the case, do not hesitate at all." Vlad's E-mail address is listed on **(QRZ.com)**, as well as pictures he took from 4W.

6O, SOMALIA

By the time you read this, Darko, J28AA/E70A, is expected to be active (on Monday, February 13th) from Hargeisa until February 20th. Mixed reports about his callsign indicate that he will probably use 6O3A and not 6O0DX as first announced. Also, reports indicate that he will return to the Minister of Telecom on Monday to give a live demonstration of operating (probably on 15 or 20 meters SSB), whereby his license and callsign will be granted. Using a FT-857D into a multi-band vertical antenna, Darko will be active on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. While there Darko will also try to teach and demostrate amateur radio to the locals in Hargeisa and possibly establish a radio club by donating an IC-735 transceiver with an antenna. QSL via K2PF.

6V, SENEGAL

Vladimir, RK4FF, will be active as 6V7S from Le Calao in Ngaparou between now and February 22nd. Activity is on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via RK4FF.

6Y, JAMAICA

Yuri, VE3DX, will be active as 6Y2T during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will be on Jamaica between February 14-21st. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands and using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via VE3DZ.

9TH AAW ACTIVITY

* How in its ninth year, the **Antarctic Activity Week (AAW)** now boasts over 40 special event stations world-wide. All for the purpose of promoting awareness of the important work done by the scientific community and its associated amateur operators who delve out QSOs when their work schedule permits. The February 2012 QST has a great article on the AAW.

* "Scotty", WK3N, (WAP 192) is now in his third year of contributing. He will be passing out QSOs between February 20-26th. His special **AAW QSL** and associated links to awards can be see on **(QRZ.com)** (under WK3N). His QSL card displays a rare October 1956 photo taken on the first days of the construction of the South Pole Station showing parachutes dropping construction materials. WK3N's special event QSL has even made its way to the South Pole station where it is on display. QSL is via the Bureau or direct with SASE or SAE and one IRC.

* Look for three **Italian National Antarctic Museums** to be activate during the upcoming 9th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW), from three different cities between February 20-26th. Stations will be operating from inside the museums and will be active on all bands and modes. Look for the following stations to be on the air:

> **II1MNA (WAP-60)** - The National Antarctic Museum of Genova. QSL via I1UP. No E-QSL. The log will be available online at:
> **http://www.arigenova.it/antartic%20activity.htm**
> Other info available at:
> **http://www.arigenova.it**
> **http://www.mna.it**
> **II3MNA (WAP-205)** - The National Antarctic Museum of Trieste. QSL via IQ3TS.
> **IO5ANT (WAP-210)** - The National Antarctic Museum of Siena. QSL via IW5EFX.

More detailed information can be found on **(QRZ.com)** under the museum's callsign. Also, info about the AAW event can be found on the WAP Web site at:
http://www.waponline.it

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Masa, JI1DSO, will be active as AH0/AE6YW from the **Saipan (OC-086)** Rental Shack between February 29th and March 6th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters including the satellites. QSL via JA6GMC.

A2, BOTSWANA (DXpedition Update)

Operators Frosty/K5LBU (A25CF), Keith/ VE7MID, Don/VE7DS (A25DS) and another operator to be named later will be active from the Lotsane Safari Lodge between March 18-27th. The group plans to be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as A25HQ. They will have about 3 rigs and a log periodic plus wire antenna covering 160 meters and up. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

AU2, INDIA (Special Event)

By the time you read this, you may have a day or two (expected QRT is February 13th) to work this unique 'Ham Radio Expedition' that will be carried out at 'LOTHAL' in the Gujarat state, which is an Indian historic place (one of the most prominent cities of the ancient Indus valley civilization, dating from 2400 BC).

Operators will sign AU2LOH. Activity will be on CW, SSB and STV. Their suggested frequencies are 7035, 7070, 7150, 14150, 14220, 21310, 21280 and 28550 kHz. Operators mentioned are: VU2ZNN, VU2EXP, VU2BGH, VU3RID, VU3KDG, VU3HRX, VU2DSI, VU2JGI, VU2CPV, VU3APY, VU3DJT, VU3IKI, VU3UTG, VU3VDC, VU2AGJ, VU3SEG (and his XYL Shikha), VU3BUT, VU2WWX, VU2XX, VU2VMJ, VU3PMU, VU2QBX, VU3TPN and SWL Suhash. QSL via VU3SYB. More details about LOTHAL can be seen at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lothal

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Operators Ulrich/DJ2YA, Falk/DK7YY, Ulf/DL5AXX, Tom/DL5LYM and Frank/DL8WAA will be active as CR3L from Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via DJ6QT. Operators will be active as CT9/homecall before and after the contest. QSL via their home callsigns. Check out the CR3L station's Web page at:

http://www.cr3l.de

CT8, AZORES

Mario, DL2UX (ex-TY1JB), will be active as CT8/DL2UX from **Graciosa Island (EU-175**, DIP AZ-004, PIP AC-004, WLOTA 0113) between February 14-22nd. He is calling this a "Training Dxpedition" -- training Persistence (biking, running, swimming and pile up; Triathlon and Ham Radio). Activity will be on CW and SSB, and the HF bands testing antennas for 20, 40 and 80m. He will use an IC706 MKIIG or something better. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND (Press Release #1 [edited])

> "St. Paul Island is called the Graveyard of the Gulf and that is where an international, seasoned team of DXers will be heading to later this year.
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> Plans are well under way for a 10-man team to activate this now wanted DXCC entity which was last on air in 2005. When you consider most needed entities (perhaps out with the Top 10) are activated every five years or so, it is now time to mount a serious effort from CY9.

> Most operators will be unaware that in 2010, St. Paul Island became the highest mover on DX Magazines most wanted list; from #77 to #47. Today, according to that list and ClubLog, CY9 is needed more than entities such as Tokelau (ZK3) or PY0T (Trindade & Martim Vaz).
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> The team consists of Mike/AB5EB, Oscar/EA1DR, George/EA2TA, Christian/EA3NT, Simon/IZ7ATN, Col/MM0NDX, Bjorn/SM0MDG, Vicky/SV2KBS, Steve/VA3FM and Kevin/VE3EN.
>
> From late July to early August, IOTA Contest included, the group will be active all bands, modes (160-2m) with special attention on 6m and 160m, if propagation allows.
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> A Web site is currently under construction and will be ready in a few short weeks where much more info can be found. The QSL Manager for the expedition is M0URX."

D4, CAPE VERDE

Rick, N6KT, will be active as D44TRS from Cape Verde between March 17-29th. Details of activity were not provided, but he will be active as D4A during CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). QSL via KU9C.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update)

John, N5JB, will be active as E51NJB from the **Rarotonga Islands (OC-013)** starting February 13th and depart on the 25th. John informs OPDX,

> "The Rarotonga Beach Bungalows resort I will be staying at is on the East side of the Island, so my path to the USA will slightly favor the East coast over the West coast. I will have a mountain between me and Asia. I expect to operate all bands, but I will be there with my wife, and I am operating holiday style. I will be doing some [activity] on the night time bands, but more on the daytime bands. I will probably operate a lot of CW, but I think there may be a need for phone because E51NNV (I think that was the call) did such a good job on CW and probably reduced the CW need by quite a bit. Maybe a good contest style phone operation would have a good rate. I will test both [modes] and see which plays best."

Activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or N5JB.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE

Just a reminder that German operators Peter/DG1FK and Sigi/DK9FN will once again return to Temotu Province for a third time and be active as H40FK (PSK/RTTY) and H40FN (CW), respectively. Activity will again be from Lata Motel on **Nendo Island (OC-100)** between February 7-20th. Operations will probably be on 160-6 meters depending on the band conditions. QSL H40FN via HA8DD, and H40FK via DG1FK.

IOTA NEWS

AF-042. Members of the "Invoker Team" will be active as EG3INT/7 from **Alborán Island**

(WLOTA 1061, ARLHS SPA-145, DIE S-001, DME 04013, WW GRID IM85LW), an island half-way between Europe and Africa, between February 16-20th. The team plans to have up to 3 simultaneous stations on air, covering most HF bands in order to give a fair chance to all operators world-wide who need this IOTA reference, working mostly on SSB and CW modes. Operators mentioned are Jordi/EA3ATM, Jaume/EA3DW, Christian/ EA3NT, Ramon/EA3OR and Raul/EA5KA. QSL via EA5KA. To read the complete press release, go to **(QRZ.com)** (under EG3INT/7).

EU-039. Keith, G3TTC, will be active as F/G3TTC from **Chausey Island** (DIFM MA-004, DDFM 50, DPF 04, WLOTA 0424) between June 16-22nd. Activity will be holiday style probably on 80/40/20/15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the RSGB Bureau.

EU-127. Operators Max/DJ4EL, Alex/IZ4AMS, Enrico/IK2FIL, Joerg/DJ1JB, Ben/DO1BEN and Enrique/XE2AA will be active as DD4T from **Helgoland Island** (GID/DID N-014, WLOTA 0518) between June 3-10th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using all modes. QSL via IZ4AMS, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-137. Lars, SM6CUK, will once again be active as SA6G/7 from **Ven Island** (WLOTA 0780) between July 25-30th. Activity will include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

NA-213. Operators Allan/KV4T, Steve/KI4GGJ, John/AJ4T, Gaston/W4CCF and Nicholas/KJ4AVG will be active as homecall/p from **Dauphin Island** (USI AL002S, Mobile County, Alabama), between June 22-25th. KV4T/p will be on 17 meter CW and AJ4T/p on 20 meter SSB. The others operators will activate the other bands, depending on the propagation. QSL via the individual operator's home callsign.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU

The Verona Section of A.R.I. (Italian Radioamateurs Association) is organizing by the means of a group of its members called "Verona DX Team" a DXpedition [with a humanitarian and amateur radio purposes] to Guinea-Bissau -- one of the poorest countries in the world. Guinea-Bissau is "most wanted", especially on CW, RTTY and the Digital modes, and has never been activated on EME. The EME operations are scheduled to take place between March 24th and April 6th. In addition to the VHF, they will try to be operative on UHF and 6 meters too. The callsign will be J52EME, and the location will be in the Cumura Mission (WW. Locator IK21DT). The suggested frequencies are: 144.130, 432.090 and 50.200 MHz. Simultaneously, they will also be active as J52HF with two stations on the HF bands, 80-6 meters using all modes. The suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3520, 7020, 10105, 14020, 18075, 21020, 24895 and 28020 kHz
SSB - 3780, 7065/7160, 14150, 18150, 21300, 24945 and 28430 kHz
RTTY - 3580, 7050, 10140, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz
6m - Skeds only for both CW and SSB (See Web page for details.)

Operations will be based mainly on RTTY and CW modes, but that doesn't mean that they will not be active on SSB. They will be present in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). Operators mentioned are Lucio/I3LDP (Team Leader, SSB, RTTY, 6m), Silverio/IK3IUL (CW, SSB, RTTY), Livio/IZ3BUR (SSB, RTTY), Walter/I3VJW (CW, SSB, RTTY), Libero/IK3RBE (SSB, RTTY, 6m), Enzo/ IK2VVD (SSB, CW), Milena/IK3VZJ (RTTY, SSB), Tony/IK3ESB

(SSB, CW, RTTY, 6m) and Ilario/IZ3STA (SSB, RTTY, 6m). QSL via I3LDP, direct or by the Bureau. See the Web page for more details about QSLing. For more details and updates, visit the J52 DXpedition Web page at:

http://www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/en/index.htm

JW, SVALBARD

Operators Mitko/LZ1UQ and Andy/LZ2HM will be active as JW/homecall from Svalbard between February 15-21st. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. They also plan to be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th). QSL via their info on **(QRZ.com)**.

KH2, GUAM (Update)

Operators Takeshi "TAKE"/JS6RRR and Akihiko "AKI"/AB0IH are now active as KH2/JS6RRR and AB0IH/KH2 from **Guam Island (OC-026**, USI GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064 and Grid Loc. QK23) until 0300z, February 14th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FM, RTTY and PSK31. QSL AB0IH/KH2 via JI3BAP and KH2/JS6RRR via JS6RRR. Please check **(QRZ.com)** for details.

KH2, GUAM

Hisashi, JF2SKV, will be active as NH0S/KH2 during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via JF2SKV.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 13-19th)

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Feb/13th  AN-HN   Feb/16th  AN      Feb/18th  AN
Feb/14th  AN      Feb/17th  AN      Feb/19th  AN
Feb/15th  AN

  SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
  -----------------         ------       --------    ------
  AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
  HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
  LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
  BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
  DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
  VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Masashi, JL1FUQ, will be active as W2GJ/KH0 from **Saipan (OC-086**, USI NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25UF) between April 29th and May 3rd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using all modes. There is a possibility of some 6 meters operations. QSL via his home callsign.

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Operators Lars/DF1LON, Gerd/DF9TS, Norbert/DJ7JC, Wil/ PA0BWL and Philippe/LX2A will be active as LX7I during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LX2A. QSL via LX2A. Visit the following Web page at:

http://www.lx2a.com

LY16, LITHUANIA

Look for special event station LY16W to be on the air until February 29th. Activity is to celebrate "The Act of Independence of Lithuania". This is the first time ever that the LY16 prefix is being used on the air! Activity will be on all bands, 160-10 meters, using CW, BPSK, SSB and RTTY. QSLs are welcome via the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW and direct via LY5W. This is a good chance to confirm a new prefix for the many WPX awards. Check out the LY5W prefixes trophies corner at:

http://rk.vdu.lt/lt/ly-wpx-trophy
http://rk.vdu.lt/lt/ly-wpx-trophy-honor-roll
http://rk.vdu.lt/lt/baltic-states-wpx-trophy

M5, ENGLAND (Special Contest Station)

Look for the special contest station M5E to be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) from the historical site of Marconi's original trans-Atlantic tests in Cornwall. Operators from the Wireless Contesters Olof/G0CKV, Kazu/JK3GAD, Oliver/W6NV and Seppo/OH1VR will operate as a Multi-2 entry. Special QSLs will commemorate contacts on multiple bands. QSL to G0CKV. Read more about M5E on **(QRZ.com)**.

NP4, PUERTO RICO

Felipe, NP4Z, will be active during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via N4AO.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Operator Tomi, OH6EI, will once again be active as OH0Z, but this time during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W0MM.

P3, CYPRUS

Jack, R2AA (ex-RW3QC), will be active as P3N during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via RW3RN.

PJ4, BONAIRE

Operators Martin/W1MD, Charles/K1XX and possibly others will be active as PJ4X during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL PJ4X via LoTW or direct to W1MD. Operators will be active outside of the contest with their own individual callsigns. QSL via their home callsign.

PJ4, BONAIRE

Four stateside operators from Georgia will be going to the K2NG rental QTH on **Bonaire (SA-006**, WLOTA LH-1279) for CQWW WPX SSB Contest in March. They will travel down on March 20th and return on March 27th. The team should be active as PJ4/homecall between March 21-27th and in CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th), they will use the contest callsign PJ4Z as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. Operators are John/K4BAI, Fred/WW4LL, Brian/NA4BW and Eric/W4DXX. Their activity will be on CW, RTTY, and SSB, outside the contest using their PJ4/homecalls. They have ordered photo QSLs and all five callsigns should

be QSLed via K4BAI. Requests for bureau cards may be sent to **k4bai@att.net**. The PJ4Z logs will be uploaded to LoTW and probably some of the non-contest logs too.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

By the time you read this, Gary, AK4GP, should be active as PJ7/AK4GP from **Sint Maarten (NA-105**, WLOTA 383, DIFO FS-001) until February 17th. Activity will be QRP CW on 40 and 20 meters using an Elecraft KX1. QSL via LoTW.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated February 12th)
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4K6/JR0HYT via JR0HYT      HB9/ON4TO via ON4TO         PJ4/N4RR via N4RR
8S50BQ via SM7BHM          HI0UD via ON4IQ             RA/SM6LRR via SM6LRR
9Y4NW via EB7DX            HI3DX via EB7DX             S540DKR via S59DKR
AB0IH/KH2 via JI3BAP       IQ5RR via IW5EID            SN51SDA via SP7PSW
AD7UV/VK3 via JA8DKJ       IX1/IW1CAB via IX1/IW1CAB   SN51SEW via SP7SEW
CT9/GW0ANA via GW0ANA      KG4KL via KN4KL             T88ZT via JA3HZT
D2EB via IZ3ETU (direct)   KH6/VE7AHA via KH6/VE7AHA   TB2ZHI via HA5OJ
DR650BAR via DL9SUE        KP2/KZ5D via KZ5D           V85/9M8Z via M0URX
EA8/OH6MKL via OH6MKL      LX/DL8DXL/P via DL8DXL      VK8/OZ1AA via OZ1ACB
EH3FCM via EA3HP           OE1KIDS via OE1XIC          W6IB/VK3 via JA8EFI
EM80UKO via UR7UC          ON100TT via ON4EKO          XV3AA via JA6UHG
FR5FC via EA7FTR           PA63PSK via PA2LP           YV5RNE via YV5AJ
GX4BJC/A via G6XOU         PI6V via PI4EDE             ZW78AA via PY2AA
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LAST CHANCE TO GET 7Q7HB AND 7Q7RM QSLS. QSL Manager Allan, G0IAS/7Q7AH, announced this past week, on behalf of Elaine the widow of Harry, 7Q7HB, thanks to all who sent their condolence messages to Elaine, she has asked him to say a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all who did. He also announced that at this time the following: "On the anniversary of Harry's death, 12th DECEMBER 2012, I will CEASE to answer ANY QSL Cards for 7Q7HB. I have ALL the logs of ALL Harry's QSOs from 7Q7, if people NEED a card they have until the 12th DECEMBER to send for one. After that date ALL cards will be ignored and returned. It is VERY stressing and depressing to answer cards for a Guy who has been your best pal for 50 years...I am also seriously thinking of doing the same with 7Q7RM's cards. Ron has now been "SK" for 6 years and I still get cards for him. Neither he nor Harry require QSLs now... so I guess after the 12th December I should stop replying to cards for either station..... If anyone has any questions, my E-mail is good at **(QRZ.com)**, I will reply to ANY questions." If you need a 7Q7HB and 7Q7RM QSL, remember to ONLY QSL DIRECT to G0IAS: Allan Hickman, The Conifers, High Street, Elkesley, Retford, DN22 8AJ, England.

HK0NA UPDATE AND OQRS NOW ACTIVE. The HK0NA Online QSL Request System (OQRS) is now active as of Monday, February 5th, at about 1500 UTC. Also, the HK0NA QSL Manager Bob, N2OO, informs: "Just uploaded the separate 'Fab Four' (HK1N, HK1T, HK1MW and HK6F) Malpelo logs to ClubLog

http://www.clublog.org

for anyone who wants to search their QSOs. They are listed as homecall/HK0M. For example, HK1MW/HK0M."

PJ4C LOG. Bernard, F9IE, QSL Manager for the past PJ4C Dxpedition, reported this past

week mistakes have been fixed to the PJ4C log and have been uploaded to Clublog

http://www.pj4c.com/pj4c/joomla/online-log

There will be, if necessary, a new log upload to Clublog, at the end of February. LoTW uploading is scheduled but not for several months. They request patience.

TO3J OQRS NOW ACTIVE via ClubLOG at:

http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=TO3J

TO3J QSL information:

http://www.qrz.com/db/to3j

UZBEKISTAN QSLS. Les, WF5E, from the DX-QSL Service, reports: "I just received about 600 mixed QSLs from Uzbekistan. These are for USA stations, and I will forward them shortly to various bureaus and some directs. Some are 'Thanks QSLs' and some 'PSE QSLs'."

VP6T OQRS NOW ACTIVE. The VP6T Team has announced that just one week after the end of the VP6T Pitcairn DXpedition over 23,000 QSOs [41%] of the 56,300 QSOs have already been "QSLed" on LoTW. If you would still like a direct QSL or a Bureau QSL you can now request them via the OQRS facility on ClubLog. Go to ClubLog. Find your QSOs, and press "Request QSL". QSL cards can also be requested in the traditional way (letter for direct or E-mail for Bureau) via the QSL Manager Nigel, G3TXF. However, if you have already received your LoTW "QSLs" and do not specifically require a traditional paper QSL, you are still welcome to make a small "thank you" donation to the VP6T operation via the VP6T Website donate button at:

http://www.vp6t.org

Additional photos will be posted on this web site once the team is back home. Meanwhile, there are some pictures on the following Web pages: Travelling to Pitcairn:

http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/VP6T/VP6T.html

The VP6T station:

http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/VP6T/VP6T-station.html

You can click directly from one page to the other (at the top).

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4W0VB, 4W0VB/P, 9A2EU, A25NW, A65BP, C21HA, CR6K, CR8K, D2QV, DG5LAC, DH3MIT, DKL5WL, EA8TL, EA9IE, ES2MC, F1MWV, G6SFP, HG6N, JA0FVU, KH6MB, KL7J, LS1D, LX1EA, M0BSV, OD5PY, OK1FIM, OK1GU, PU5AAD, PZ5RA, RA1QY, SN7Q, SP3DKH, ST2AR, SV7LNK, T32LJ, TN2T, TX6T/p, UX2KA, V44KAI, VE3CGR, VE3KB, VE3RZ, VE5MX, VP6T, Z21BB and ZC4LI

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B8CF, 4Z5ML, 5N6/YL2SW, 5R8X, 5V7SI, 5W1SA, 6W1SJ, 6W7SK, 8Q7DV, 9M2/KM9D, 9N7MD, BU100, C5A, C50A, CR2X, E51MAN, E51NOU, FK8GX, HL3ERJ, HV0A, JY5HX, KA0XTT, KH2L, OJ0B, OJ0X, T32C, TA7/RA9CKQ, TL0CW, TU2T, TX7M, UA3AP, UA9CUA, XF4IH and ZL8X

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3DA0EL, 5N0OCH, 5R8WW, 9N7AN, A25SL, BA7IO, C56E, H40FN, IS0R, OJ0W, S9DX, SV9/DJ7RJ, T31A, TO5SM, TO7RJ, V5/DK1CE, V63MCA, V73QQ and YJ0MM

T6, AFGHANISTAN

Eric, K9GY, will be active as T6MO from the Helmand Province (Grid MM21) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op entry. Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 meters only using 100 watts into a OCF dipole at 30 feet. Check during his sunrise and sunset. QSL via LoTW or to K9GY (see **(QRZ.com)**) direct or by the Bureau.

TG, GUATEMALA

Bill, W0OR, will be active as TG8/W0OR from Quetzaltenango between now and March 26th. He is there studying Spanish, but will have some free time and plans to operate mostly CW, but some SSB as time permits. He will also be in the ARRL DX Contest. He will try to get on 160m, if possible. Space is somewhat restricted. QSL via W0OR.

TI, COSTA RICA

Operators Robert/N6OPR and Terry/N0TW will be active as TI5/K6MQ between August 1-8th. Their activity will include the 10-10 Summer QSO Party (August 4-5th). QSL via N0TW.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update)

Jim, K4FW, will once again be heading to **Kwajalein Island (OC-028)** in March because of his job with the Orbital Sciences Corporation. He works with the Pegasus launch vehicle. More specifically, as the Launch Panel Operator (LPO) and is part of the flight crew on the Orbital's L-1011. Jim informs OPDX that he will be using the Kwajalein club station (V73AX) on the southern most side of the island and hopes to once again sign V73FW (application was sent in), if not then he will probably use V7/K4FW and not the club callsign. Activity will be after his work hours for the day on Kwajalein. He states, "I'm taking a Ten Tec Eagle out with me to use and plan to do SSB on any band that's open and use whatever V73AX has for antennas. I recently updated the information on **(QRZ.com)** for V73FW." QSL via K4FW, direct or by the Bureau.

VK0H, HEARD ISLAND (DXpedition Cancelled!)

The "DX-World.net" announced this past week that the February 2013 DXpedition to Heard Island has been cancelled. No other details were provided. OPDX has sent an E-mail to Jim Linton/VK3PC, Publicist for the Heard Island 2013 DXpedition to find out why, but we have not received an answer yet. However, there is some hope. The "DX-World.net" also mentioned that Daniel Kelton of Sydney, will be sailing solo to Heard Island to attempt to climb its mountain and kayak around its shores. David, states, "I understand that Heard Island is a much sought after destination for DX and HAM radio operators. I would be very happy to transmit from there but would need a lot of advice and guidance about HAM radio." David does have a Blog page with all his information about his plans and would also be very happy to answer questions about his upcoming expedition. His Blog page is at:

http://www.heard-island-solo.com/p/expedition.html

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Operators Jim/N6TJ and Rick/N6ND will be active as ZD8Z and ZD8R, respectively, from **Ascension Island (AF-003)** between February 13-28th. Jim is expected to be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band-High-Power entry. QSL ZD8Z via AI4U, direct or by the Bureau. QSL ZD8R via N6ND.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (NA-016)

John, K6AM, will be active as ZF2AM during the CQ 160 Meter SSB Contest (February 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via K6AM, direct or by the Bureau or LoTW.

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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